

**Trains converted as superfast**

†\*257. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the points taken into consideration to make general express and mail trains as superfast trains;
- (b) the details of the mail/express trains made as superfast in each zone during 2005-06 and the number of stoppages decreased in each case;
- (c) the number of coaches decreased/increased in each of the new superfast train; and
- (d) the details of percentage increase in fare per kilometre on making mail/express trains as superfast trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Trains whose average speed on the entire run in both UP & DN direction is minimum 55 kmph on the Broad Gauge and minimum 45 kmph on the Metre Gauge are designated as superfast trains.

(b) The following trains were made superfast during the year 2005-06 without withdrawing any stoppage:

SI No	Train No. and name	Zonal Railway	New No
1	2	3	4
1.	1045/1046 Lokmanya Tilak (Terminus)-Bhubaneswar Express	Central	2145/2146
2.	1063/1064 Dadar-Chennai Express	Central	2163/2164
3.	1439/1440 Dadar-Nagpur Sewagram Express	Central	2139/2140
4.	4659/4660 New Delhi-Amritsar Intercity Express	Northern	2459/2460
5.	1051/1052 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Howrah Samarsata Express	Central	2151/2152
6.	3013/3014 Howrah-Dehradun Upasana Express	Eastern	2327/2328
7.	9973/9974 Indore-Jaipur Express	North-western	2973/2974
8.	4229/4230 Lucknow-New Delhi Mail	Northern	2229/2230

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1	2	3	4
9.	5621/5622 Guwahati-New Delhi North East Express Frontier	Northeast	2505/2606
10.	5265/5266 Dharbhanga-New Delhi Sampark Express	East Central Kranti	2565/2566
11.	5087/5088 Jammu Tawi-Gorakhpur Amarnath	North-Eastern Express	2587/2588
12	6803/6804 Howrah-Tiruchirappalli Express	Southern	2663/2664
13.	9149/9150 Ahmedabad-Dhanbad Parsvnath Express	Western	2941/2942

(c) No coaches were decreased in the above trains. However, coaches were added in the following trains:—

SI.N o	Train No. and name	Number of coaches <u>increased</u>
1	2	3
1	2505/2506 Guwahati-New Delhi North East Express	One
2.	2565/2566 Darbhanga- New Delhi Sampark Kranti	One
3.	6703/6704 Chennai Egmore-Tuticorin Pearl City	One
4.	5621/5622 Guwahati-New Delhi North East Express	One
5.	2941/2942 Ahmedabad-Dhanbad Parsvnath Express	Two

(d) As a result of levy of Superfast surcharge, the increase in fare is Rs. 10/- in Second Class, Rs. 20/- in Sleeper Class, Rs. 30/- in AC Chair Car, First Class, AC 3-tier & AC 2-tier and Rs. 50/- in AC First Class. The increase in fare is irrespective of the distance of the journey. The percentage increase in fare per km. on average lead is between 0.01% to 0.03% for different classes.

**Garg Commission to review IR specifications**

\*258. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Garg Commission has been appointed to review IR specifications;